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## **VARNA MEETING ORGANIZED BY IMO RECOGNIZES THE WORK OF IMLI**

On 17 September 2014, during the Second Meeting of Heads of Maritime Administrations on the Black Sea and Caspian Sea Countries in Varna, Bulgaria, the Varna Meeting adopted a Resolution entitled “Promotion of technical cooperation” which, amongst others, recognized the role of IMLI in the field of training in international maritime law.

The Resolution recalled the resolution adopted by the Batumi meeting on Promotion of technical co-operation, which recognized the invaluable support which had been provided to the countries from the Black and Caspian Seas region by IMO through its Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP).

The resolution also, acknowledged the need for the countries to strengthen national maritime administrations, develop and update the national maritime policies and legislation, build capacity at a regional level through partnerships and in cooperation with IMO, and to contribute to the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and the sustainable development of the Black and Caspian Seas countries.



*IMLI's 25<sup>th</sup> graduating class (2013/2014)*

The Resolution further recalled resolution A.873(20), in which the IMO Assembly reaffirmed that technical cooperation is an essential part of the Organization's work to achieve the ratification and implementation of IMO's global instruments and reiterates that the benefits of the implementation of IMO conventions could be enhanced by international and regional cooperation, technical assistance and advanced scientific knowledge, as well as by funding and capacity-building.

It therefore urged Member States and international financial institutions, including through bilateral, regional and global cooperation programmes and technical partnerships, to strengthen capacity-building activities in developing countries, to develop their maritime administrations and appropriate legal frameworks to establish or enhance the necessary infrastructure, legislative and enforcement capabilities to promote effective compliance with and implementation and enforcement of their responsibilities under international law and in particular IMO instruments.

At this juncture, in its 16<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the Resolution acknowledges IMLI's role in educating and training government legal advisers and its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law as follows:

*RECOGNIZE* the importance of the work of the International Maritime Law Institute as a centre for educating and training government legal advisers, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international law, and urges Member States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute,

The Institute is very proud of this recognition, which once again confirms the Institute's excellent academic reputation and its valuable contribution to the achievement of the international maritime community's goals.

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